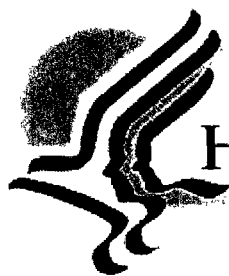


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### Pandemic Influenza Response and Preparedness Plan

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Influenza A viruses periodically cause worldwide epidemics, or pandemics, with high rates of illness and death. Unlike other public welfare emergencies, an influenza pandemic will impact on multiple communities across the United States and require swift and coordinated action and cooperation by all levels of government. Advanced planning for a large scale and widespread health emergency is required to optimize health care delivery during a pandemic. In addition, prevention and preparedness activities facilitate the response and recovery during and after an influenza pandemic.

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The Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Response Plan articulates a coordinated HHS strategy to prepare and respond to an influenza pandemic. The Plan is intended to be dynamic and iterative, and will be updated and revised regularly. Please provide comments on the draft plan by clicking [here](#).

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